CHAPTER 20

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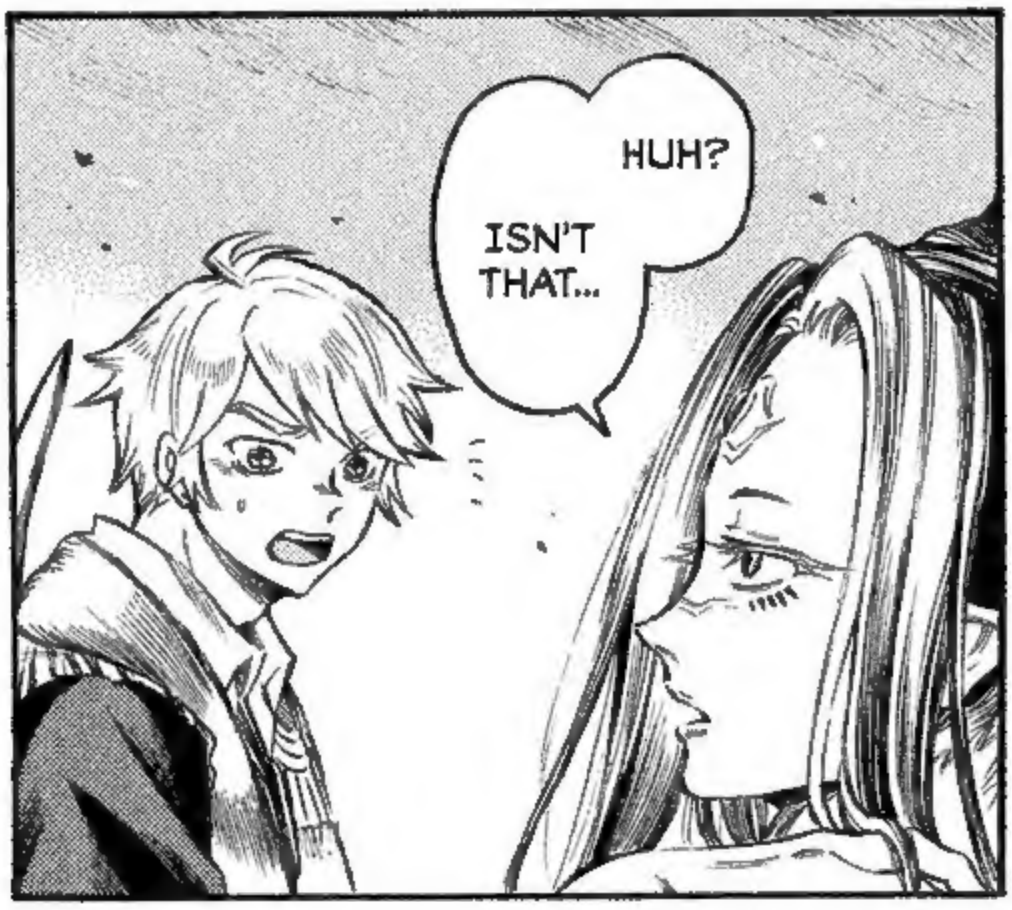
AFTER ALL...
DON'T YOU THREE THINK THE OTHERS ARE TAKING THEIR TIME COMING BACK!?


HUH?
ISN'T THAT...

WELL, LOOKS LIKE WE'LL HAVE TO PASS THROUGH THE LABYRINTH OF DARKNESS TO GET TO THE SEVEN SINS TOWER.

APPARENTLY WE'RE THE ONES WHO HAVE BEEN LEFT BEHIND.

BUT I CAN'T SEE HER ANY-WHERE...

WEIRD, TAN HI SHOULD BE WITH THEM.

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HEY!

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I DON'T THINK THEY PLANNED ON US SNEAKING IN.

THAT'S ODD, I THOUGHT THEY WOULD ROLL OUT THE RED CARPET WHEN WE ARRIVED. WHERE ARE THEY?

TAN HI ISN'T HERE.

NO...I WAS TOO BUSY CONCENTRATING FOR THE DEMON BIRD...

WAIT, DID YOU EVEN SEE TAN HI LIFT OFF?

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SO LET'S MOVE FORWARD AND LOOK FOR TAN HI.

HMM...I'M THINKING SHE HAS LANDED SOME-WHERE ELSE.

WOULD YOU LIKE ME TO LEND A HAND?

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BETSU TEN GAI!!

WHAT DO YOU MEAN?

HOW DID YOU ENJOY YOUR FLIGHT ON THE DEMON BIRD?

IT SAVES THE ONYX DEMONS LOOKING FOR THE GUARDIAN OF THE SEAL.

AND I THANK YOU FOR BRINGING THE SWORD OF DIVINE PUNISHMENTS CROSS GUARD, I'D HATE FOR IT TO GET LOST IN THE LABYRINTH OF DARKNESS.

FOR THE TIME BEING, I'LL PROVIDE YOU WITH SOME ENTERTAINMENT.

I PITY THE GUARDIAN OF THE SEAL.

YEAH, THOUGH IT WAS BY CHO MEI'S HAND THAT SHE WAS CAUGHT...

IS THE REPORT TRUE? BETSU TEN GAI SAID THE GUARDIAN OF THE SEAL WAS CAPTURED.

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YOU'VE FINALLY AWOKEN.

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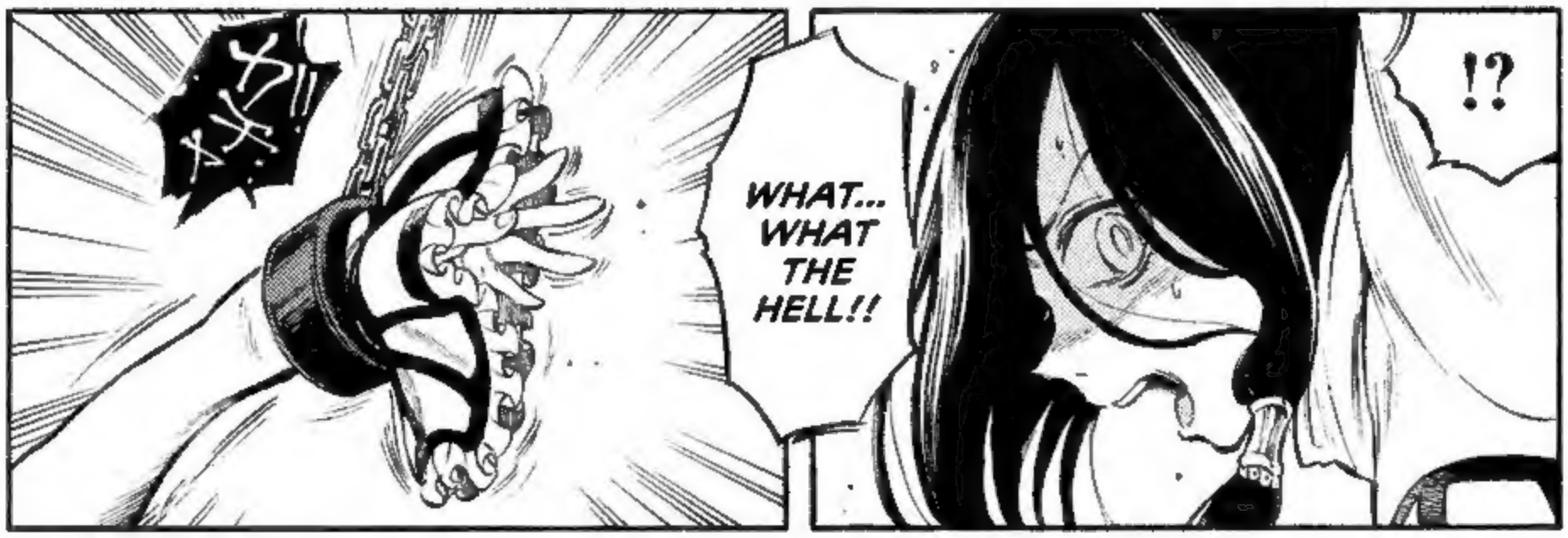
MISS TAN HI.



YOU FAINTED ON YOUR WAY TO THE SEVEN SINS TOWER, I SIMPLY CARRIED YOU THE REST OF THE WAY.
I KNOW IT SEEMS A BIT RUDE, BUT YOUR HAIR IS A LITTLE DAMAGED...

ALL RIGHT, IF YOU ANSWER MY QUESTIONS I'LL LET YOU GO SOON ENOUGH.

OH, WELL...I GUESS I WAS A LITTLE ROUGH.

YOU LIAR...

WHERE IS THE CROSS GUARD OF THE SWORD OF DIVINE PUNISHMENT?

SO, PLEASE. HAND IT OVER TO ME AND LORD BETSU TEN GAI.

IT'S NOT MY HOBBY TO SEARCH A WOMAN'S BODY.

SO LISTEN TO ME WHEN...

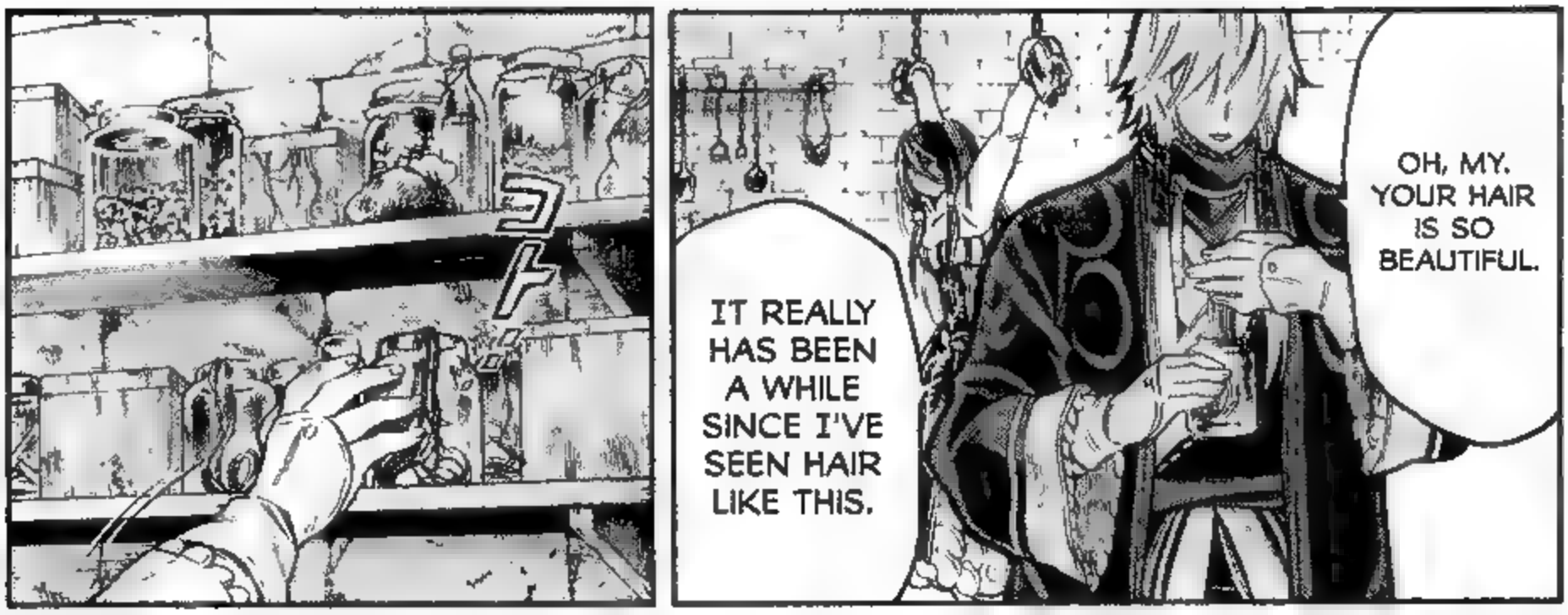
I'LL NEVER DO THAT...

BETSU ...TEN GAI...

WITH BETSU TEN GAI...

THERE IS NO NEVER ...

MISS TAN HI.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IT REALLY HAS BEEN A WHILE SINCE I'VE SEEN HAIR LIKE THIS.
OH, MY. YOUR HAIR IS SO BEAUTIFUL.
THOSE LOVELY EYES.
YOUR SKIN ... AND NAILS

THEY ARE ALL BEAUTIFUL.

YOUR TEETH TOO.

I...I WILL NEVER TELL YOU.

IT'S MY DUTY TO PROTECT THE SWORD OF DIVINE PUNISH-MENT.

I OWE ALL MY LUCK THUS FAR TO MY BROTHER AND FRIENDS.

...NOW IT'S TIME TO STAND ON MY OWN!

I DIDN'T COME ALL THIS WAY TO HAND IT OVER.

SO YOU TELL BETSU TEN GAI THAT I WILL NEVER SUBMIT TO HIM.

AND HE WILL NEVER HAVE IT.

YOU ARE AN EXTREMELY STUBBORN GIRL, ONE WOULDN'T THINK SO.

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YOU'VE BROUGHT THIS UPON YOURSELF.

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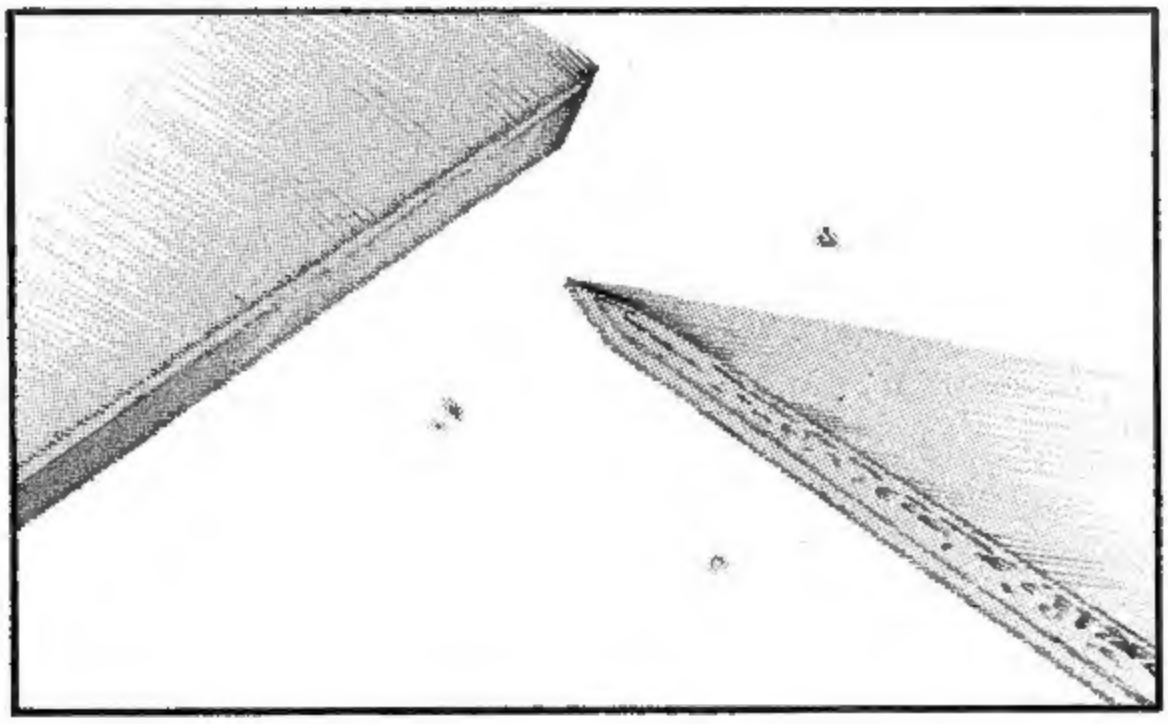
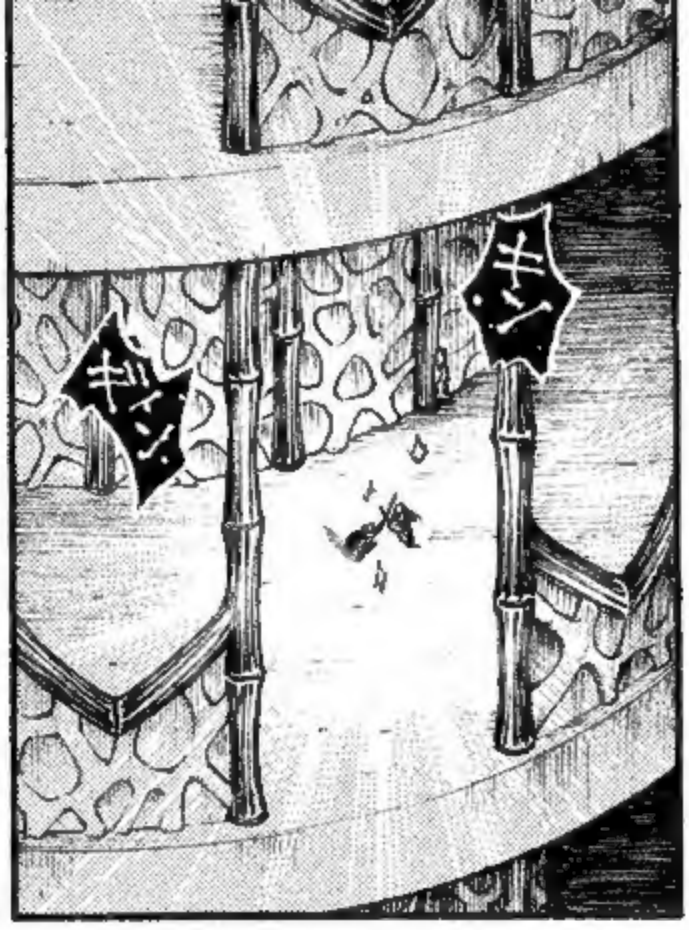
IF YOU WON'T SUBMIT TO WORDS ALONE, YOU WILL SUBMIT TO ME.

LET'S FIND OUT HOW LONG YOU CAN LAST.

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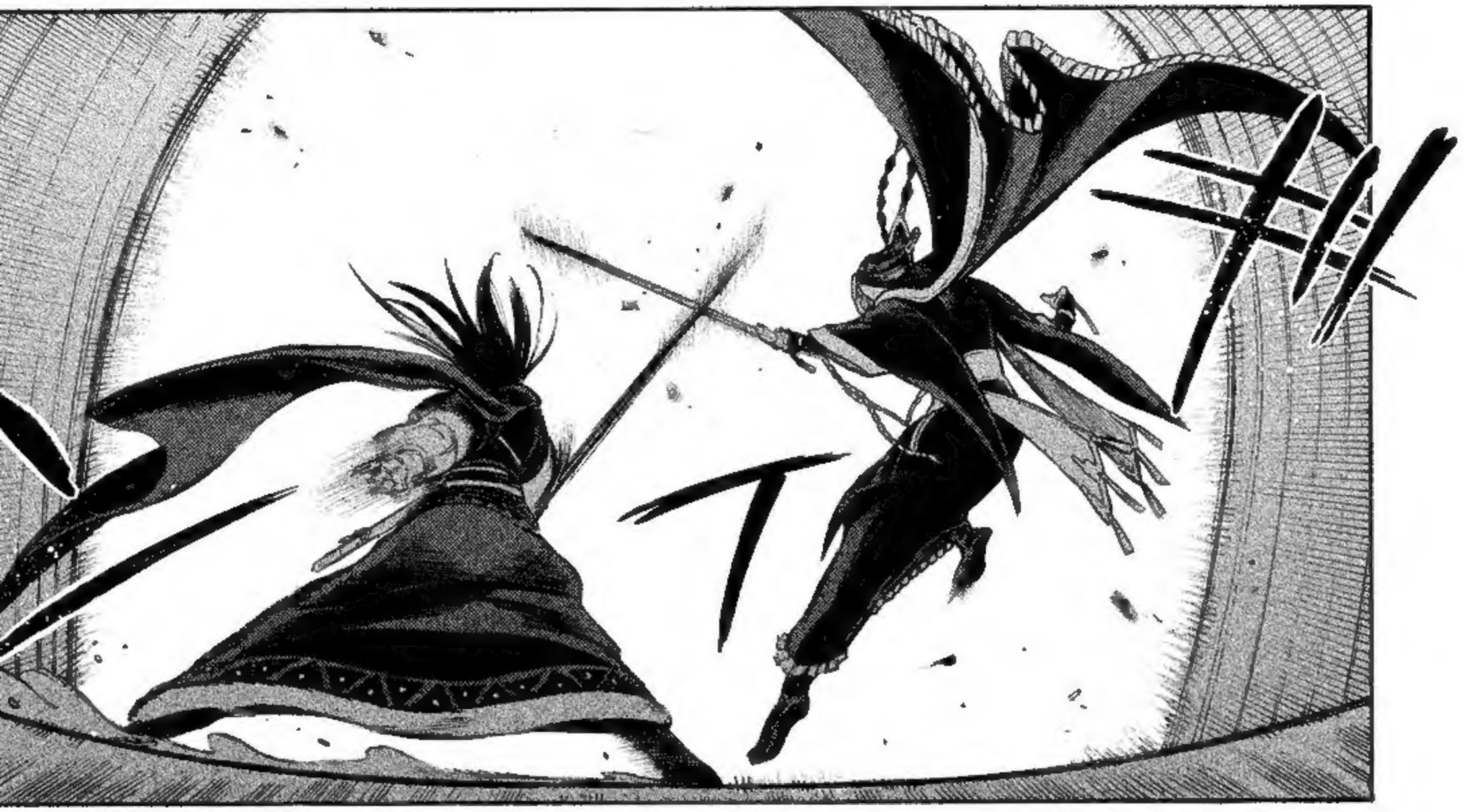

WHAT'S WRONG ?
DID YOU GET TIRED DURING THAT LONG TRIP?

DAMN IT!

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YOU...

OH, SHUT YOUR TRAP.

HEY, KICHO!

STOP GAWKING LIKE AN IDIOT AND HELP ME OUT HERE!!

HMM ...

I'M JUST BIDING MY TIME.

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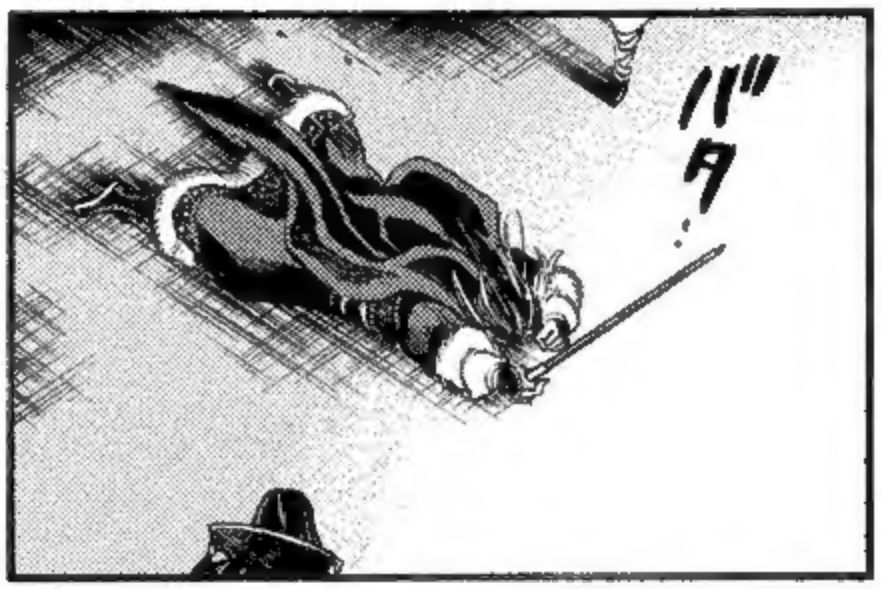
...CONCEN-TRATE ON THE FIGHT!

YOU FOOL.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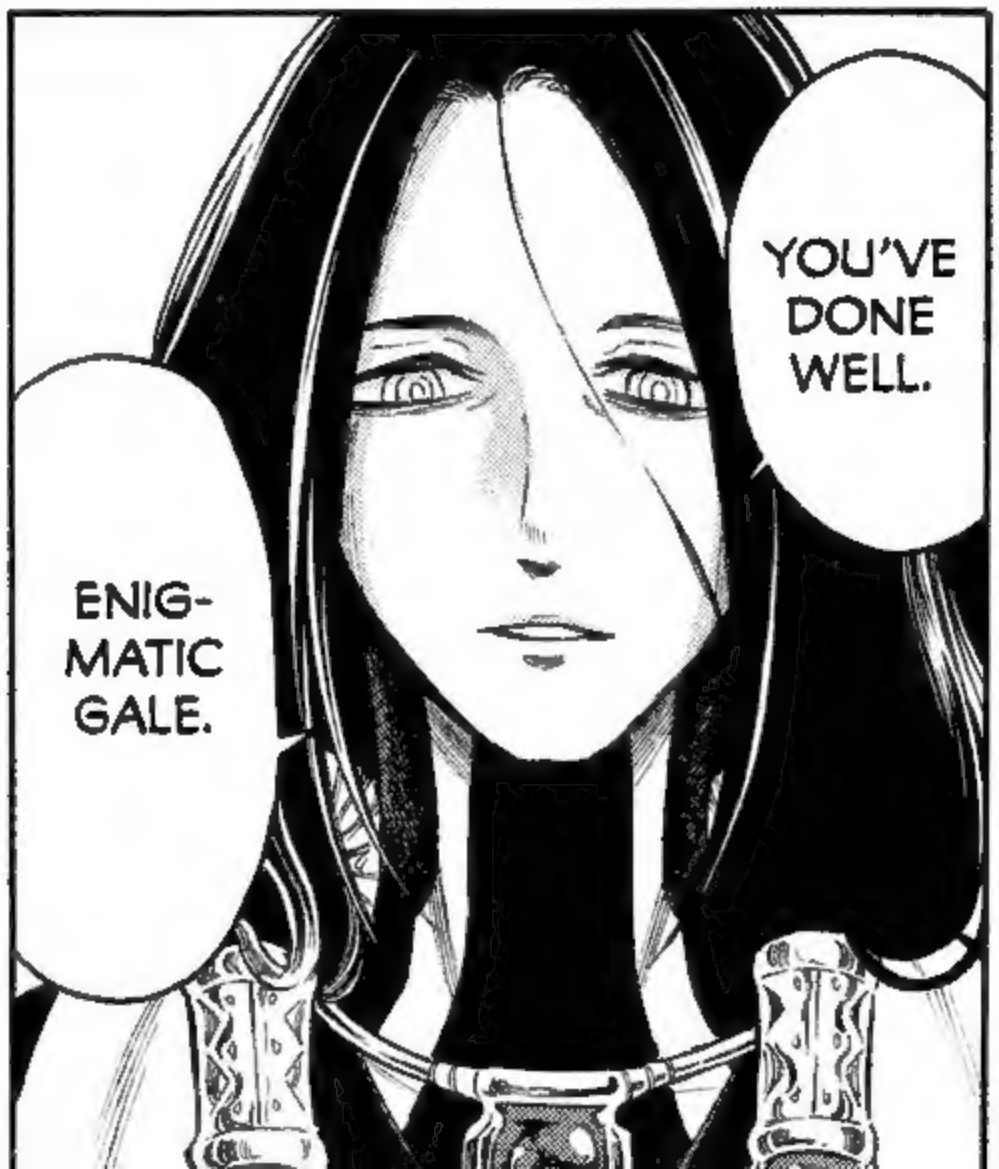
YOU'VE DONE WELL.
ENIG-MATIC GALE.

YOU PUT HIM TO SLEEP...
I WAS ENJOYING THE SHOW.

JUST ACCORDING TO KEIKAKU.

TRANSLATOR'S NOTE: KEIKAKU MEANS PLAN

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